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# WALTZ

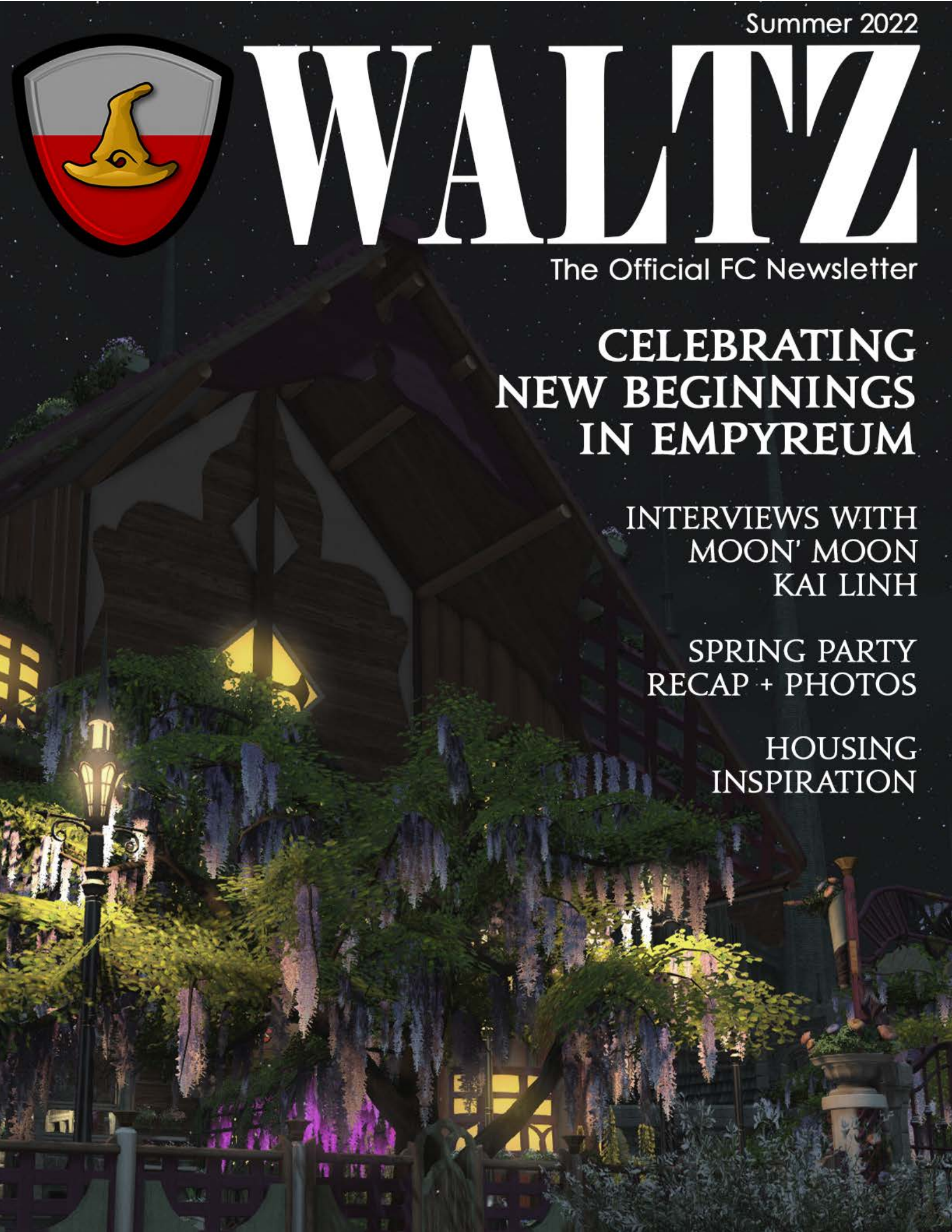
The Official FC Newsletter

## CELEBRATING NEW BEGINNINGS IN EMPYREUM

INTERVIEWS WITH  
MOON' MOON  
KAI LINH

SPRING PARTY  
RECAP + PHOTOS

HOUSING  
INSPIRATION



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Interview with . . .

# Moon' Moon



## How did you get into the game?

I first got into the game on the referral of one of my close friends IRL. He got me to play during the free trial and I ended up just going hard every day doing the story and exploring. I am previously a fan of the Final Fantasy franchise, so that helped with the allure of the story for myself. Always been into the fantastical genre of games, especially ones with a large environment. I'm a sucker for the exploration factor as well!

## What is your favorite part of the game?

I would say the socialization aspect is the biggest factor because every day is different. It always feels like a new day logging on and there's always someone new to talk to as well as a wide range of activities to explore. Personally, I haven't even tried out a good percentage of the content in the game and I am slowly getting around to it. I think Waltz has been a huge factor to me as well in the part that keeps me playing because it feels nice to log on to a community you're so integrated with, who will always greet you and call out to you. I have made many friends in the game, so I don't think I could ever step away for too long.

## Waltz really is a big factor in how someone views the game! What is your favorite battle class and your favorite non-battle class?

It would be a toss up between Black Mage and Bard, mainly because I played through all of the story with Black Mage when I first started, so it holds a special place in my heart; Bard because I always liked leaning more towards team support rather than just a DPS pump. For my favorite non-battle class, I would say Culinarian; I am an Omnicrafter, but I spend a large amount of time on Culinarian playing with the market, although I have been really into Weaver making clothes for people lately as well, crafting in general is just big fun!

## Which expansion has been your favorite?

Heavensward, hands down. Not only do I really enjoy the story, but the music really makes it for me in a sense where the music tells a story as well. There are a lot of memorable characters from that expansion and I love the zones. I really like a steampunk art style when playing games so some of the zones really fit that style. It's an expansion that catches the eye and captures the memory.

### **Who is your favorite NPC(s)?**

Oh god, my favorite NPC would have to be Alphinaud. He just resembles your best friend in the story and he gives me the kind of vibes where Alphy and I could just set up on LAN and be gaming buddies IRL. Just never seems to be a dull moment with him. People who have been playing since A Realm Reborn grew up with Alphinaud. He's just a brother in arms to me.

### **What's one thing you're looking forward to most in the coming patches?**

I am excited to explore more on the Island Sanctuaries, I think the concept art for it was really compelling and it caught many eyes so I am really interested in learning more about that. I feel like that will add another layer to the socialization aspect of the game and that, for me, creates even more opportunities to meet new people and make friends!

### **Do you have a background to your character's name?**

Honestly, this is a question I get a lot with the name "Moon" and I never know if I have an actual answer for it. I'm not a huge fan of astronomy or anything like that, but I always really liked the night sky and the moon. I think it's cool that even in the dark, there's something to light the way.

In Japanese mythology, Tsukuyomi-no-Mikoto is the god of the moon and their parent(s) are Izanagi and Izanami, both gods of creation and death. Tsukuyomi's siblings are also Amaterasu, who is the Goddess of the sun and universe, and Susanoo-no-Mikoto who is the god of the storm and the sea. And in different variations of pronunciation, parts of "Tsukuyomi" means moonlit night. My favorite part of that is being able to have light in the dark. So I named myself Moon in accordance with that; I'm just like many people and I aim to be that light for those who reside in the dark. For everyone who has wanted to know what the meaning behind my name has meant, that's how I view it!

### **What is your favorite mount and minion?**

I would have to say my favorite mount is the Ironfrog Mover currently, because I like how Lalafells look on it, although I can't wait for them to release the MegaShiba! I just like mounts that shrink down for the lala size because it looks really cute! As for my favorite minion, surprisingly it is not the Moon minion, but the Plush Cushion minion because I like being comfy everywhere.

### **What is your favorite hangout spot in the game?**

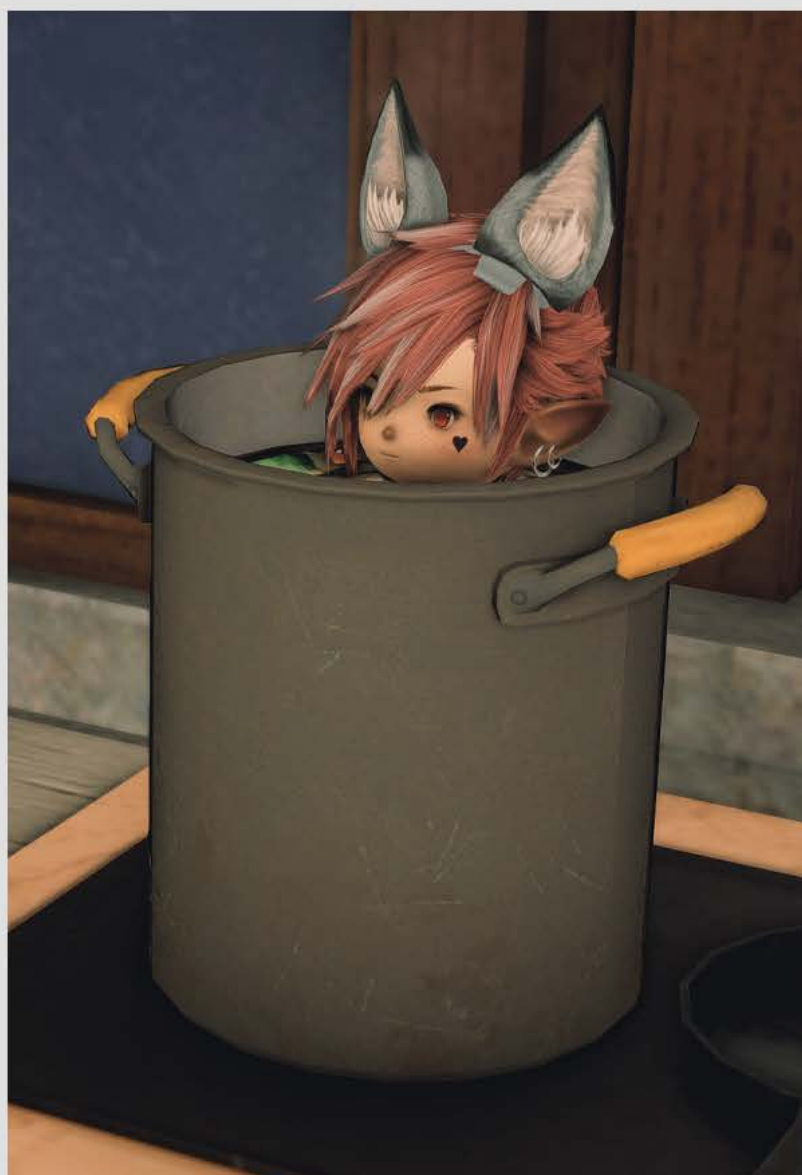
I have personal hangout spots that overlook the lady pouring water into the sea in Old Sharlayan, but you can mainly find me sitting on top of the chocobo stable in our FC yard. I like spending time at the house and in Ishgard in general, of course!

### **What other games do you play outside of FFXIV?**

Currently, I have been playing a lot of Apex Legends and Dead By Daylight, but I enjoy playing Lost Ark and Tiny Tina's Wonderlands. I plan to start V-Rising soon as well. I am really into fast paced, heart racing games that get your adrenaline pumping. Love the movement, communication, and fun of playing against people who are always going to be better or equally as good as you!

### **What hobbies do you have outside of gaming?**

I mention food a lot in FC chat, and I really enjoy cooking things on my griddle, smoker, grill, and pizza oven. I also maintain an awesome garden so that's very fun to me. On top of that, I love spending time and talking with three of my best friends. We do a lot together and every minute is worth it to me especially in a life I only live once.



**Are there any shows/films or songs you would recommend?**

Oh you know I like anime and my Discord profile is an anime character so I would say WATCH DEMON SLAYER, and I really advocate people to watch Haikyū! If you don't like volleyball, I promise you will be cheering at multiple points in this anime.

I have a very out there style of music such as a lot of hip hop, I would say my favorite song right now is "Father Stretch My Hands Pt. 1" by Kanye West. I don't watch many films either, but my all time favorite movie is Princess Mononoke.

**Would you tell us one awesome fact about yourself?**

I don't have many, but I met the world's most dangerous hacker at a cybersecurity convention a couple years back!

**How come they are the world's most dangerous?**

Moreso at the time when he did actively hack, he was arrested for a lot of fraud. However, in a book about him he had mentioned the reason as to why he liked hacking major entities was not for money or any goal pertaining to certain opinions, but because he liked it and it was fun to him. That's what made him dangerous, not having a motive to hack, he hacked for nothing.

**If you were able to, would you be down to meet people outside of this game?**

It'd definitely be an interesting experience, but I think I wouldn't mind meeting close friends in the game at some point. As open as I am, I am very tight knit with people and I think it'd have to be very specific on who I was meeting, Waltz meet-ups seem applicable, but as a personal choice, I'd have to think on it very thoroughly. I think my first reaction would be to ask them if they wanted to go on an adventure to try the best food joints wherever we are.

**There are people from around the world that play this game, where do you play from?**

I am North American East!

**Do you have a pet and if so what kind, and if you don't have a pet what kind would you get or plan on getting?**

I do have a dog! His name is Cody and he's a large Rhodesian Ridgeback and he is absolutely adorable. He has great table manners and is very food driven. He's very strong and loves laying in bed with me. I remember being able to hold him in the palm of my hands, but now he is a chonky boy.

**Imagine the game is coming to an end, and you have 30 minutes to an hour to do one last thing, what would it be?**

I would probably put a PF up for all the major story instances that captured people's hearts and do them with Waltz and my friends, then probably take one last picture of all of us where we can see everyone for a cool frame.

**And the last one: Please share a quote you live by.**

"It's not about being the best, it's about being better than you were yesterday and be better tomorrow than you are today."



# SCREENSHOTS CORNER!

View some of the stunning screenshots created by your FC mates recently!



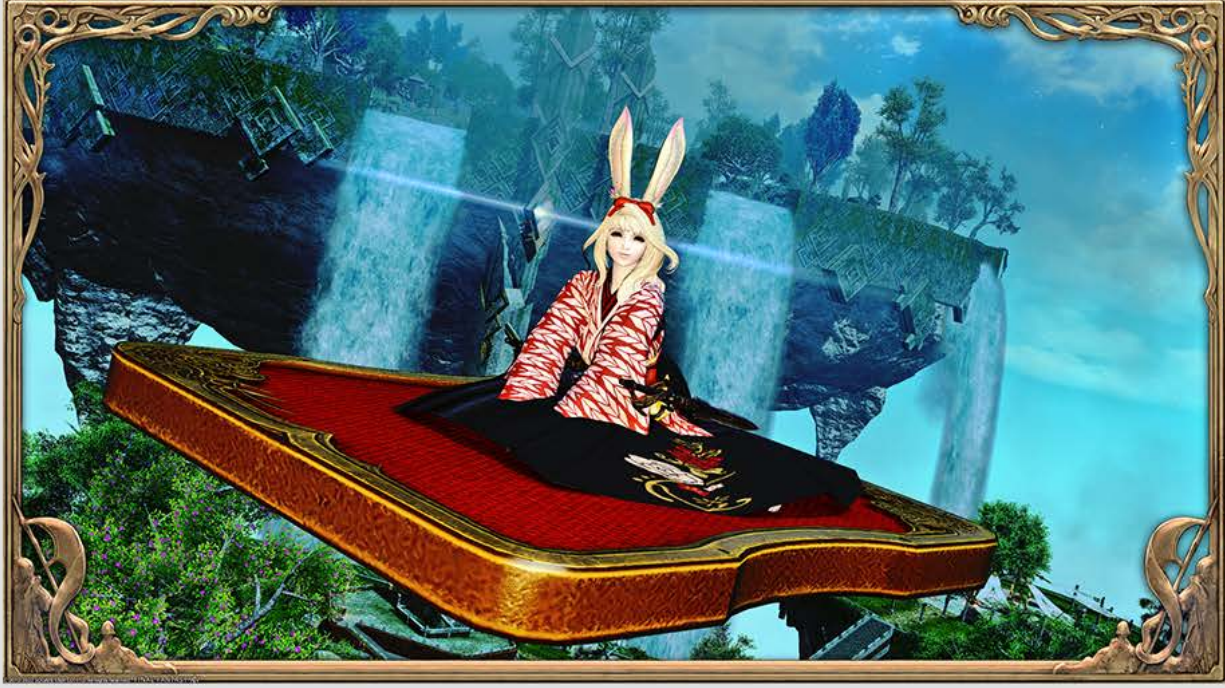
Kai Linh

Laureall Morgan



# SCREENSHOTS CORNER!

Sharizart Black



Diana Waters



Beatrix De'roice

# SCREENSHOTS CORNER!

Bouncy Bunny



Koko Moko



Kellin Silverwillow





# SCREENSHOTS CORNER!

Brock Hampton



Velvet Rina



# SCREENSHOTS CORNER!



Takashi Mitsuya

Lykos Quash



Neko Para

# THE BLACK WALTZ ART GALLERY

Take a moment to gaze upon art made by your fellow FC mates.



< Gaulden Heart



Helbhar Rhoteyhawyn >



^ Diana Waters

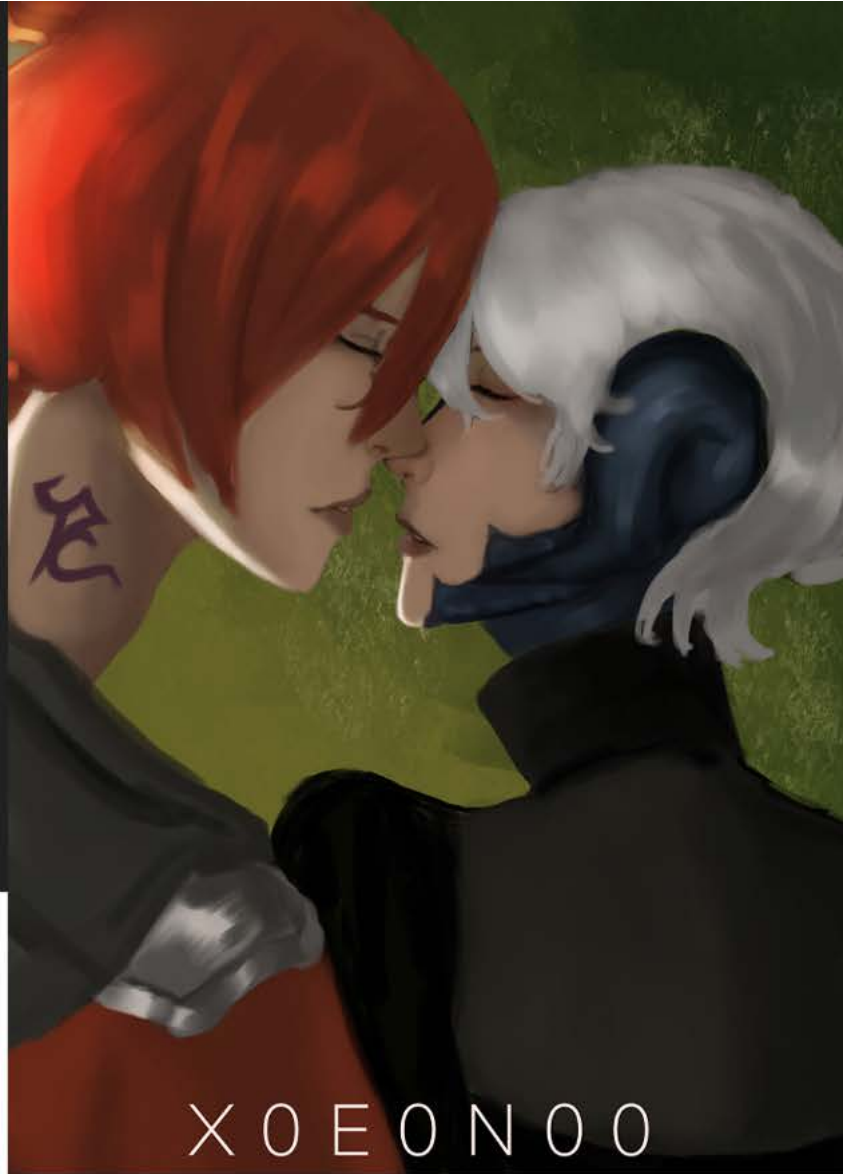


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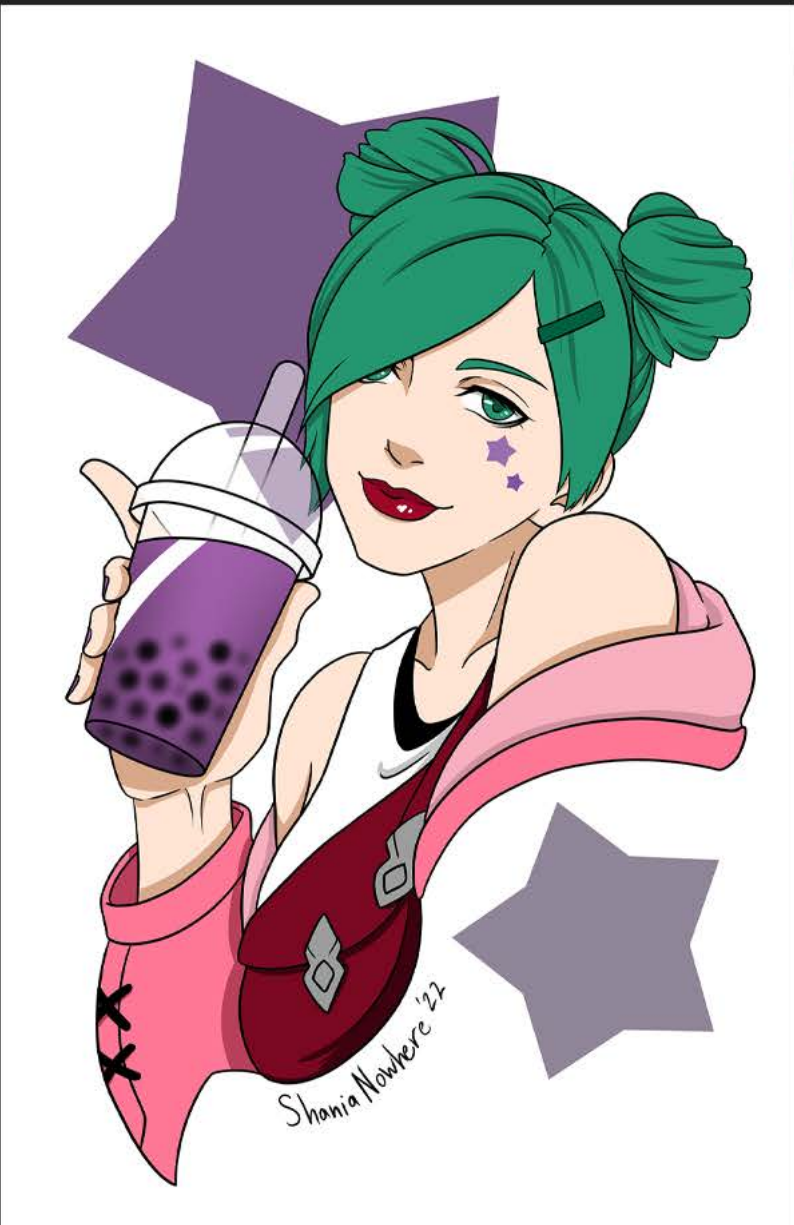




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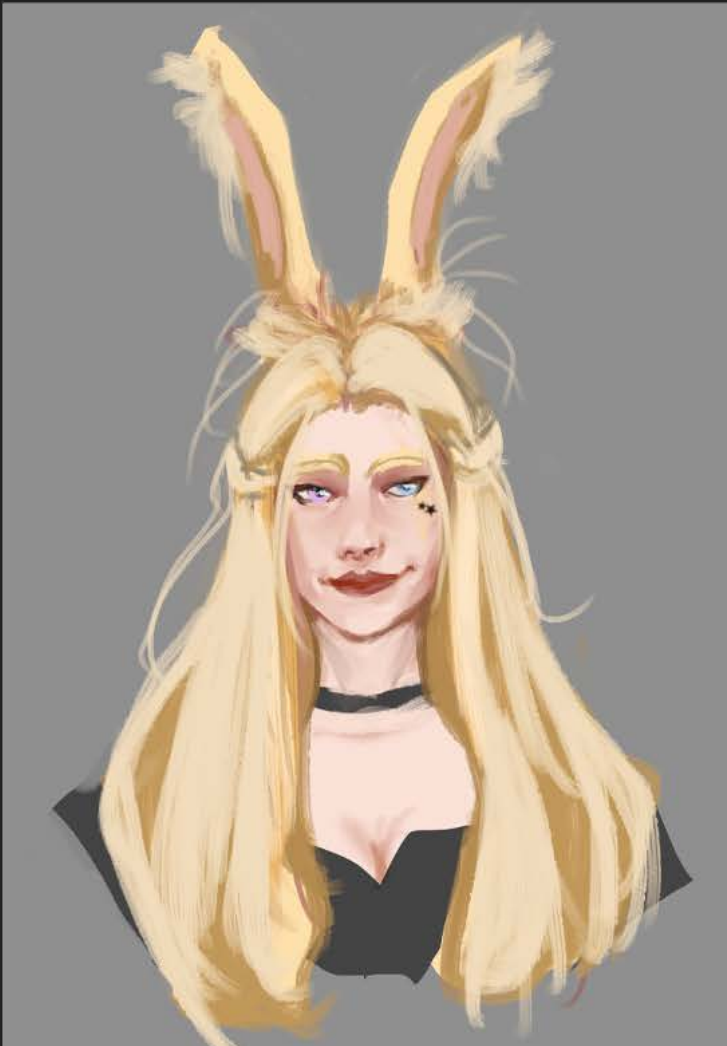


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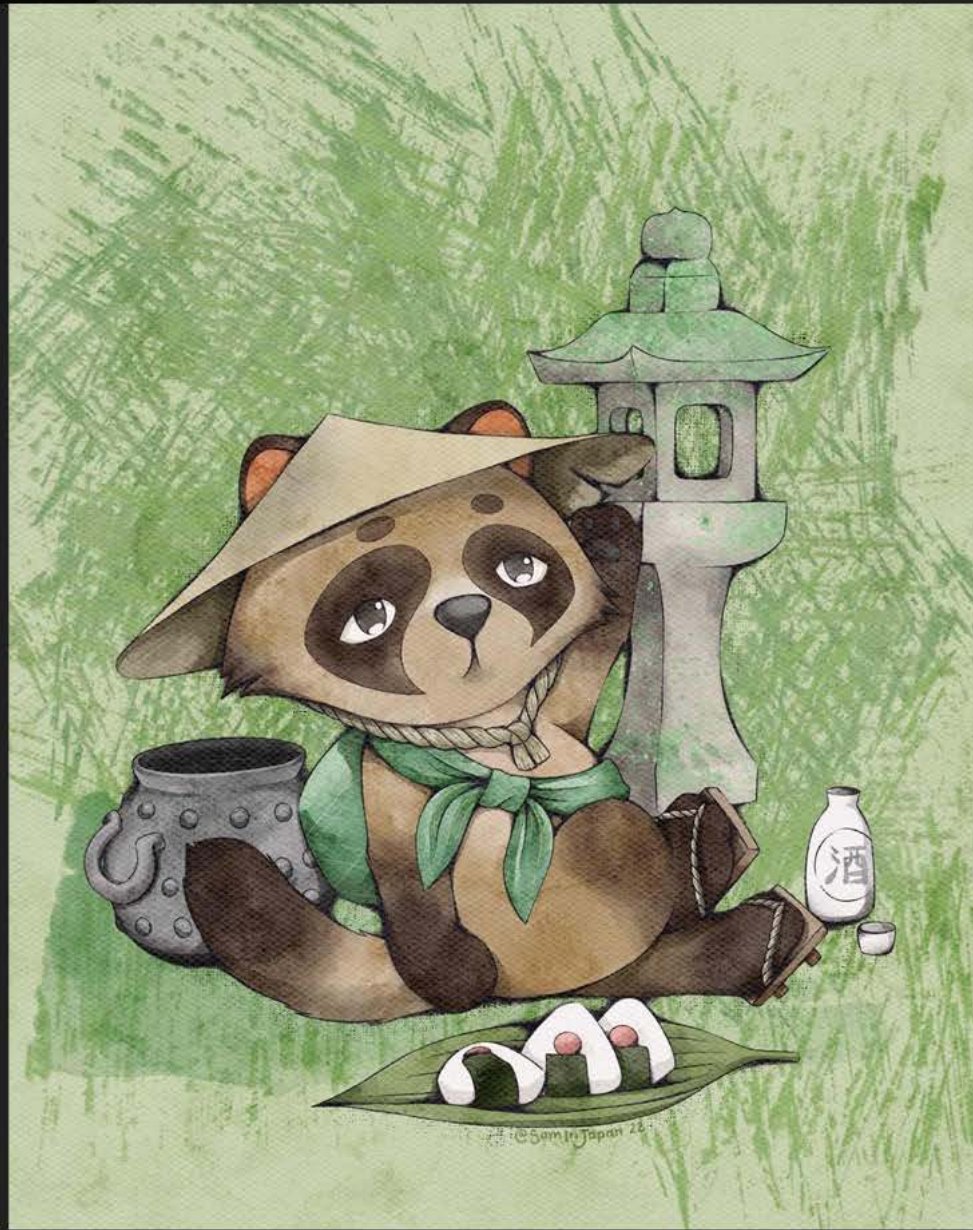
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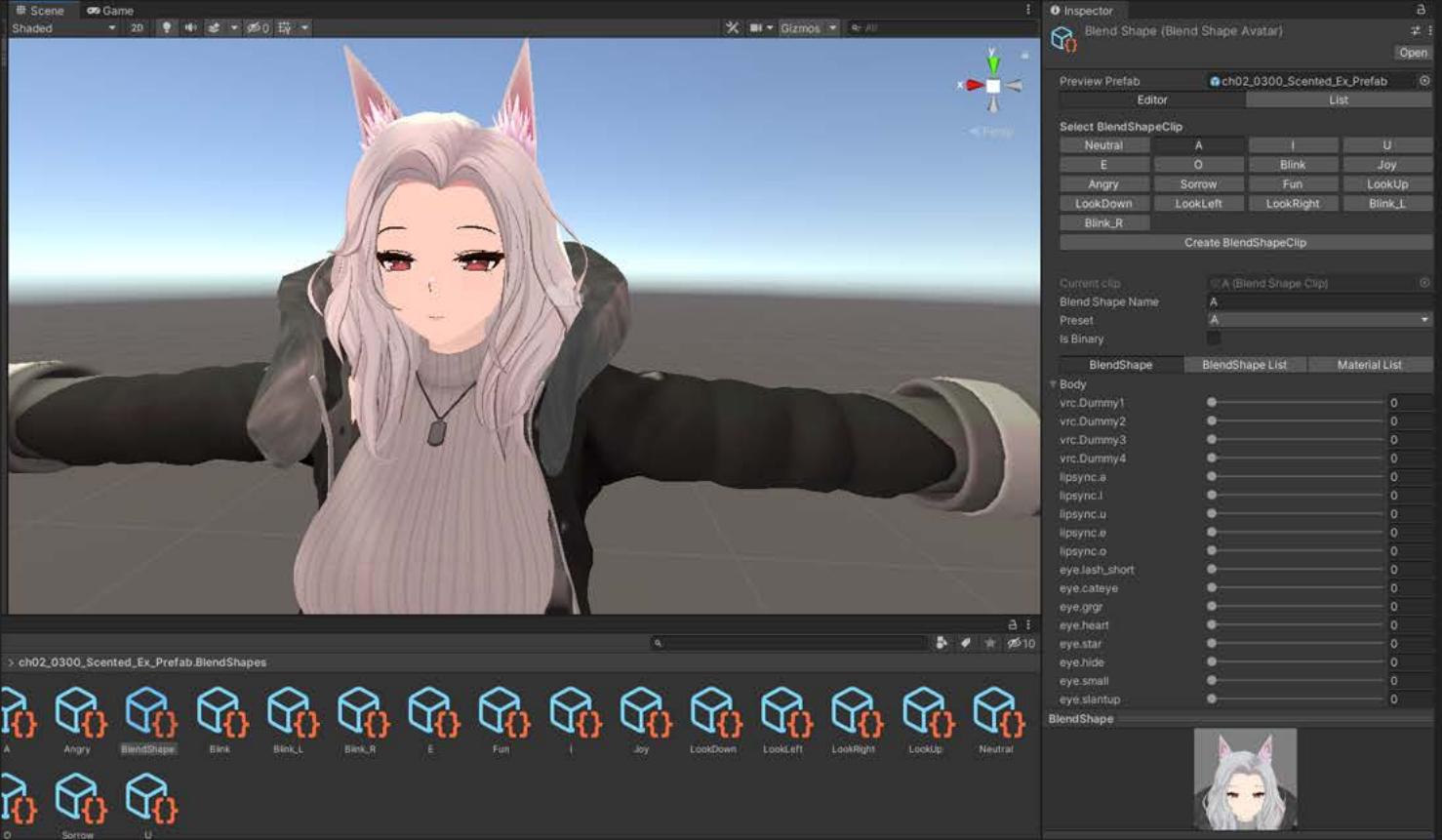
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< Sienna Marigold



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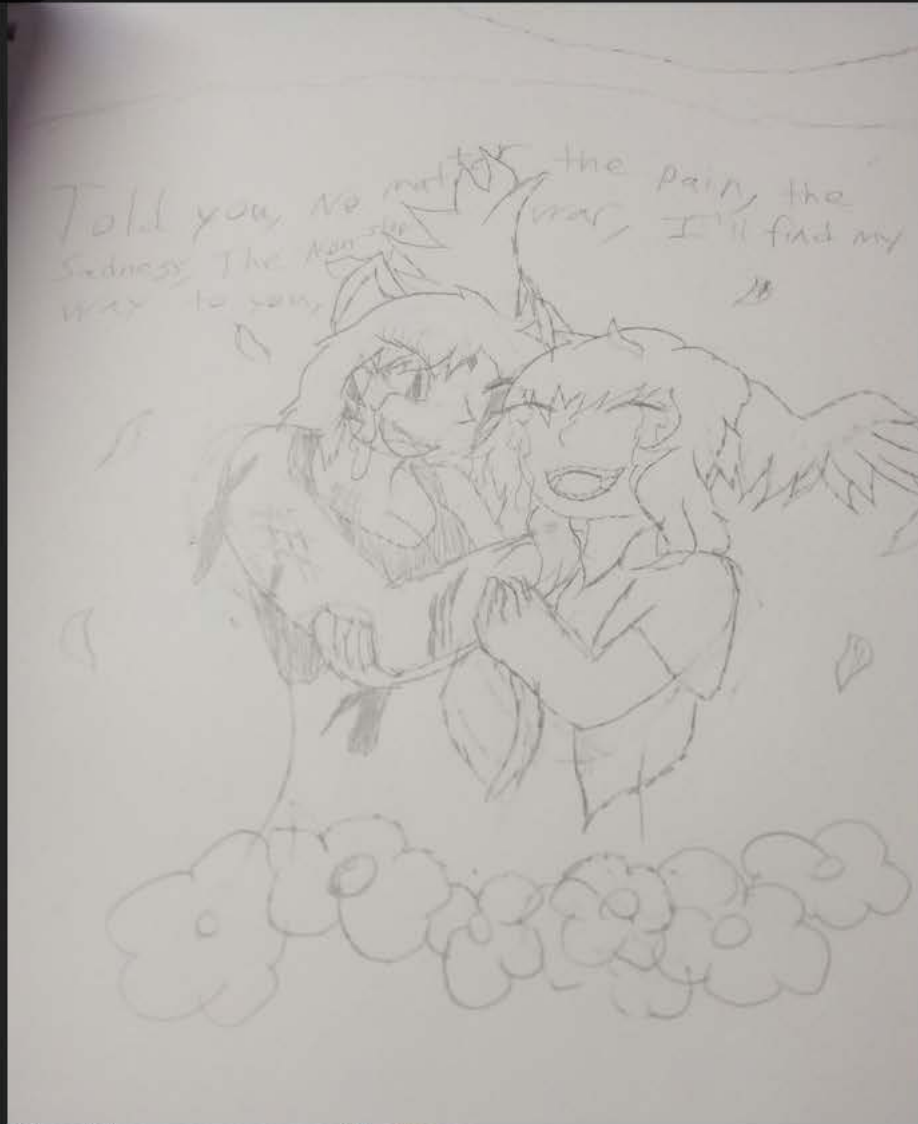


Zara Thustra >





OverlordDLZ >



< Angel Wingz

< Sulia Beaugard



Ravenna Roanoke >



# THE OPEN HOUSE

Tour around in these fabulous housing designs!



Fennel Gray; FC Room 175



Ayr Vesarra; FC Room 205

# THE OPEN HOUSE



Moonlight Mura; FC Room 77



Asterin Whitethorn; Empyreum Ward 21 Plot 51

# THE OPEN HOUSE



Ravenna Roanoke; Emyreum, Ward 23 PLOT 56



Ayr Vesarra; Emyreum, Ward 9 Apartment 12

# THE OPEN HOUSE



Indigo Violet; Empyreum, Ward 21 Plot 52



Bella Perinis; Empyreum, Ward 24 Plot 18

# THE OPEN HOUSE



**Khaishan Bah; Empyreum, Ward 9 Apartment 4**



**Fratley Stormfall; Empyreum Ward 9 Apartment 17**

# THE OPEN HOUSE



Kellin Silverwillow; Goblet, Ward 3 Plot 39



Shirou Itsuka; Goblet, Ward 5 Plot 37



# THE OPEN HOUSE



Sara Fabel; Shirogane, Ward 10 Plot 51



Tatalan Sasalan; FC Room 88

Interview with . . .

# Kai Linh



## How did you get into the game?

I was roughly a veteran of ten years of World of Warcraft, as well as DnD Online, Elder Scrolls Online, Star Wars: The Old Republic, and a few other smaller MMOs. I was back into WoW in early 2021 yet again but not having a lot of fun, when I started to hear a lot of buzz surrounding FFXIV. This was around the time of the massive influx of players, and I became one of them!

## What's your favorite part of the game?

I think if anybody knows me at all, they can probably figure the answer is Gposing. Specifically, the creativity that the game offers to explore art in a sort of unconventional way. I enjoy the process of building a good Gpose; from the setting to the lighting to the positions, to just the tone and feel I want to convey. I extend this into decorating as well - without a house of my own currently, I am limited on what I can decorate, but I love to try out new decorating ideas. Beyond that, and why I keep coming back, is just the wonderful world and gameplay to go with it, and the ability to just jump in with friends and knock out some content on all of the different fun jobs the game has to offer.

## What is your favorite class?

Definitely Reaper. When I first started the game, I started as Dragoon because I liked the idea of a weighty two-handed weapon with some agility to match. Unfortunately, Dragoon didn't deliver in that category completely, as the moves felt agile but not very heavy. And of course the other options, Warrior and Dark Knight, felt weighty as tanks but not very nimble. So when Reaper dropped and had that blend of speed and power, plus just a really fun rotation and toolkit, and enough edge to keep a whole chain of Hot Topics in business, I knew it was the job I had been waiting for.

## Which expansion has been your favorite so far?

For main X.0 expansion, Shadowbringers is still the best. I found Heavensward to be thrilling, and despite other naysayers I did enjoy Stormblood as well, but ShB really brought the weight of the story to the forefront for me. And while I do also love Endwalker, it does get just a little bit...out there. I say it's a split answer though, because the HW post content is still some of the best content in the entire game. All of the Dragonsong War stuff following the main story was super exciting.

**Who is your favorite NPC(s)?**

Alisaie. She is the best girl, she is smart and creative, fearless, determined, and has some of the best character growth in the story to date. I love her to pieces, and would protect her from anything. Additionally, I'll give an immediate special shout out to the best boy, your friend and mine, Haurchefant. And then to go a bit further; Y'shtola is obviously the bossy lady we all want telling us what to do, Hilda is an absolute dreamboat, and Estinien could be my best friend any day.

**What's one thing you're looking forward to most in the coming patches?**

I am very excited to take the same trip that Y'shtola's little watery friends took in 6.1, and also quite interested to see where things with the individual from the last cinematic of 6.1 end up going.

**Do you have a background to your character's name?**

Kai is a Hawaiian name that means "Ocean" or "Sea," and Linh is a Vietnamese surname that means "Soul" or "Spirit," so my name translates to something akin to "Ocean Spirit" or "Soul of the Ocean." I like water, my name is about water, now my many many Gposes in Mist and Costa probably make more sense.

**What mount is your favorite and what minion is your favorite?**

Fat Cat and Fatter Cat, obviously. (Okay - special shout to the new Nier Pod 602 mount and Pod minions, Dress-up Alisaie because Alisbae, and the Construct VII Iron Man suit.)

**What is your favorite hangout spot in the game?**

Costa Del Sol, without a doubt. I even have a very special location within Costa that has featured in more Gposes than I can count, but the entire zone is wonderful. From the moment I first went there, I was in love. There are a lot of really good zones of course; from Il Mheg to Mare Lamentorum, but at the end of the day, the one place I can always go back to and just sit and reflect on things is Costa Del Sol.

**Are there any other games you play outside of FFXIV?**

Nothing with the same voracity that I give to FFXIV. I do play a lot of other games though - I have been a gamer since I could hold a controller. I got my first console at age four, my first "gaming pc" (very loose term in those days) at age six, and I've never stopped playing ever since. Recently, I played through Deathloop and Kena: Bridge of Spirits on PS5, I'm nearly done with Assassin's Creed: Valhalla and Spiderman: Miles Morales, and just started Nier Replicant and Guardians of the Galaxy.

**What hobbies do you have outside of gaming?**

I have been an avid comic book reader since I was very young, and have a pretty decent collection of them in my bookcase. I've played Dungeons and Dragons since I was about nine, and still do to this day. I also have played Magic: The Gathering since I was about fourteen or so, and still have quite a lot of cards though I don't get to play as much in recent years, what with ya know... the world situation. Beyond that I like to read, I love listening to music and podcasts, I watch lots and lots of movies, and a probably unhealthy amount of YouTube content.

**Are there shows/films or songs you would recommend?**

Some of my favorite movies include The Departed, Inception, and Good Will Hunting. For shows I'm a big Breaking Bad and Better Call Saul fan, as well as a lot of the obvious fantasy and sci-fi stuff like Battlestar Galactica, Altered Carbon, Lovecraft Country (short lived as it was, it was brilliant), The Mandalorian, and most of the Marvel shows.

And music? Whew, big question. I'm generally a fan of rock, specifically early 2000s alternative and metal. So some of my favorites bands include Linkin Park, Breaking Benjamin, Rise Against, and System of a Down. However, I'm also a huge Queen fan and a big fan of early Michael Jackson. I also listen to quite a bit of Kendrick Lamar, Hopsin, NF, and Eminem, as well as listening to a pretty good assortment of pop-punk and top 40s stuff.

**Next question: Tell us a little bit of what you love to eat, even if it's a snack.**

I have... kind of an addiction to Twizzlers. I mean, I eat a lot of things - many of the usuals like tacos, pizza, burgers, steak, salads, lots of fruit, pretty normal stuff. But, yeah, Twizzlers are my weakness, I pretty much always have some nearby at my PC.

**Is there a certain flavor of Twizzlers that you enjoy, or is it just any of the flavors will do?**

Classic strawberry for me!

**Tell us one awesome fact about yourself.**

Well, I've wanted to be a stand-up comedian since I was seven years old. That's pretty interesting, most people seem to think.

**There are people from around the world that play this game, where do you play from?**

I'm in Michigan (U.S. for anybody not in the States). Originally from Ohio, but I've lived in Michigan for nearly half my life now (and for a brief period I lived in Las Vegas).

**If you were able to, would you be down to meet people outside of this game? If so, what do you think would be your first reaction when you first see them?**

I'm kind of a shy person, but I've met people I played WoW with and they were really nice and I still talk to them to this day. First reaction though? I'm a hugger...some people take that the wrong way, but I like hugs and I give very good hugs and I won't apologize for this.

**We share lots of adorable pet photos. If you have a pet, what kind of pet is it, or if you want to own a pet, which one would it be?**

I have a cat! His name is Jax, and he is old and fat and a jerk, but he's also adorable and cuddly so he is hard to stay mad at.

**All right, I'm going to probably make you sad, just a bit, ready? The game is coming to an end, you have thirty minutes to an hour to do one last thing, what would it be?**

What else? Gpose! Get together everybody I can for one big, final, grand Gpose that I would put every ounce of effort and creativity I had into making the best one I've ever done. I can think of no more fitting end than to immortalize an amazing group of people in an amazing game.

**That is a great idea, and with what we've seen you do before it would be a masterpiece.**

**And lastly, share with us a quote you live by.**

There's a quote from my favorite video game, What Remains of Edith Finch, that I think of quite often: "If we lived forever, maybe we'd have time to understand things. But as it is, I think the best we can do is try to open our eyes, and appreciate how strange and brief all of this is."





# Over the Moon

**fashion Quarterly**

# Black Rose

By Neko Para



**Head:** Flower Crown

+Dye: N/A

**Body:** Endless Summer Top

+Dye: General-Purpose Black

**Legs:** Moonfire Tanga

+Dye: Soot Black

**Feet:** Moonfire Sandals

+Dye: Soot Black

**Hands:** Dirdnl's Wrist Torque

+Dye: General-Purpose Black

For when you're at the beach and looking to show off and cool down.

# Scales of Mauve

By Yumino Mana

**Head:** Princess' Peach Corsage

+Dye: Soot Black

**Body:** Faire Joi

+Dye: Soot Black

**Legs:** Flame Elite's Loincloth

+Dye: N/A

**Feet:** Moonfire Sandals

+Dye: Jet Black

**Hands:** Summer's Flame Wrist  
Torque

+Dye: Snow White

A simple but elegant glam to stay pleasantly comfortable in the bleeding sun, although be ready for monsters to chase after you with all the steel chiming together as they clash.



# White Party Summer

By Teeraynius Smoke



**Head:** Endless Summer Glasses

+Dye: Soot Black

**Body:** Endless Summer Top

+Dye: Pure White

**Legs:** Southern Seas Trunks

+Dye: Pure White

**Feet:** Endless Summer Sandals

+Dye: N/A

**Hands:** Summer Flame Wrist Torque

+Dye: N/A

Perfect for a night on the beach in front of a nice fire with friends, listening to the crashing waves and enjoying the cool breeze off the coasts of Shirogane, or a casual cookout with great food, cocktails, and friends.



# Cherry Lollipop

By Evira Obscura

**Head:** Endless Summer Glasses

+Dye: N/A

**Body:** Moonfire Halter

+Dye: Cherry Pink

**Legs:** Endless Summer Bottoms

+Dye: Cherry Pink

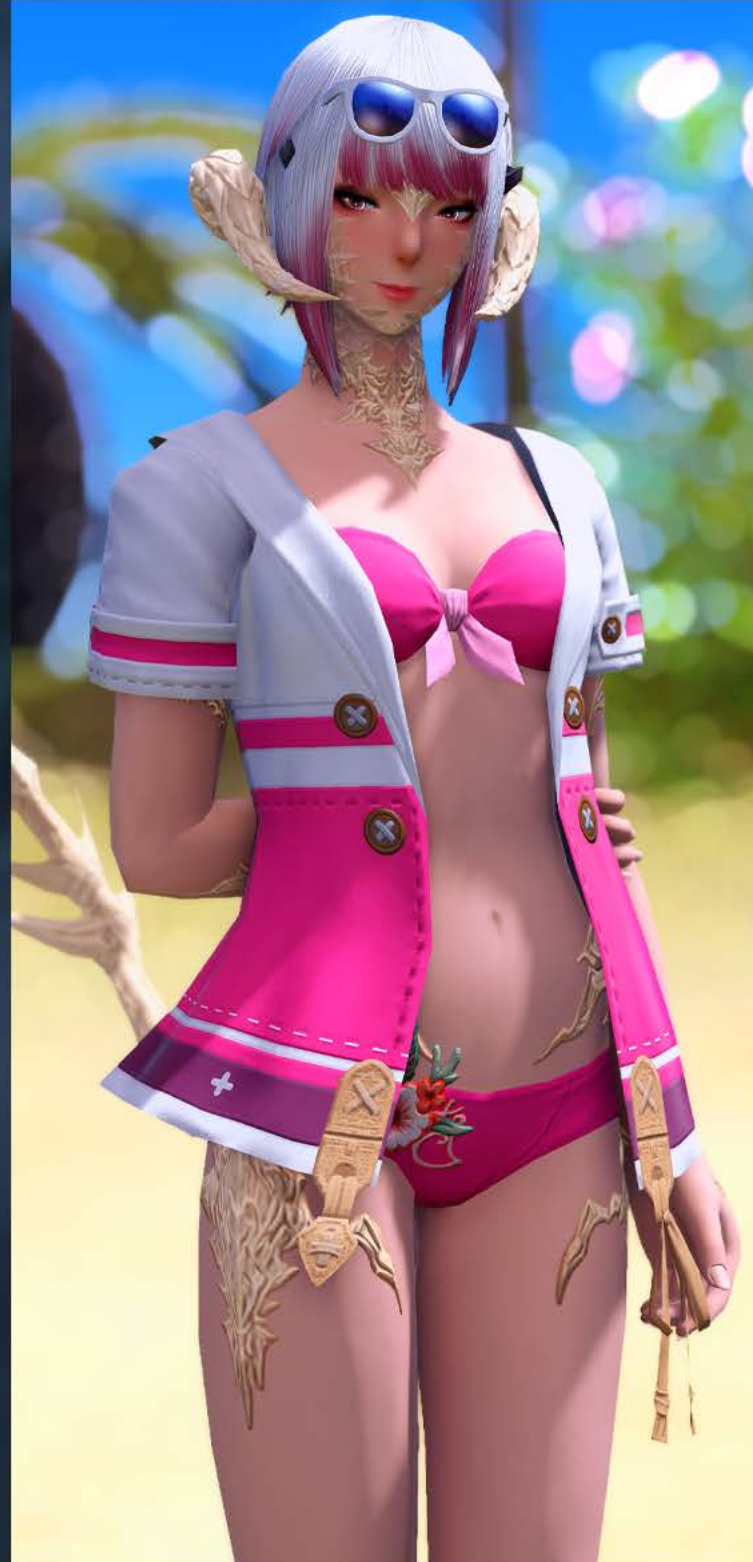
**Feet:** Endless Summer Sandals

+Dye: Cherry Pink

**Hands:** Emperor's New Gloves

+Dye: N/A

This outfit is for the beach days out on the Mist residential shores with friends, or quiet reading time in the many secluded bodies of water in Shirogane residential as well, as a WoL who constantly wears more plate/leather armor to protect herself, this is an outfit for the times of sheer relaxation and worry-free environment.



# Fae Summer

By Etney Barrows



**Head:** Stablemaid's Hat  
+Dye: N/A

**Body:** Frontier Dress  
+Dye: Pastel Green

**Legs:** Uraeus Skirt  
+Dye: N/A

**Feet:** Moonfire Sandals  
+Dye: Blood Red

**Hands:** Summer's Flame Wrist  
Torque  
+Dye: Coral Pink

As we can all attest, dressing the part makes all the difference in journeys of any length. Perfect as the days grow warmer with summer on the horizon, this outfit serves as a simple, yet cute addition to any well-traveled adventurer's wardrobe.

# Summer Blues

By Takashi Mitsuya

**Head:** Tamamo Headband

+Dye: Kobold Brown

**Body:** Adventurer's Hooded Vest

+Dye: Othard Blue

**Legs:** Expeditioner's  
Pantalettes

+Dye: Othard Blue

**Feet:** Casual Boots

+Dye: Othard Blue

**Hands:** Bozjan Wristwraps of  
Scouting

+Dye: Othard Blue

I sometimes enjoy wearing heavy tops like hoodies and summer jackets even on days when it's hot out, so this outfit takes from that idea while still making it breathable and comfortable enough to be worn anytime. Personally, I'd be most likely to wear something like this on a summer evening outing with friends.





# THE ULTIMATE WALTZ COOKBOOK



# Tamarind soup with shrimp

By: Ashildr Stormcaller



## Ingredients:

- 4 cups water
- 3 medium ripe tomatoes, quartered
- 1 medium onion (yellow or red), quartered
- 1 medium radish, sliced
- 1 ½ pound large shrimp
- 1 pack (22g) tamarind mix (Sinigang Mix)
- 1 small bunch yard-long beans, chunked
- 6 pieces okra
- 1 medium eggplant, sliced
- 2-3 pieces green finger chili
- 2-3 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1 bunch water spinach, tips and upper stalk only (or bok choi chunked, or regular spinach)

## Directions:

- Bring 1 liter of water in a pot to a boil over medium-high heat.
- Add the tomatoes and onions. Cook for 2 minutes. Add the radish and cook for another 2 minutes.
- Add the shrimp. Once the shrimp turn pink, add the tamarind mix. Simmer for about 2 minutes.
- Add the beans followed by the okra, and chili. Bring back to boil and cook for 2 minutes.
- Season with fish sauce and add the eggplant. Cook for a minute and, lastly, add the water spinach. Push the leaves down gently until submerged. Simmer for another minute.

# Lemon Garlic Salmon

By: Yvahli Tontalu



## Ingredients:

- 1 ½ pounds whole salmon fillet, skin on
- kosher salt
- black pepper
- 2 tablespoons light olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon dill leaves
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- 4 lemon wedges

## Directions:

Remove scales from skin. Cut fish into 2 inch filets and pat dry with paper towel. Let sit for 10 minutes to hit room temp. Season generously with salt on both sides (if any moisture beads up, pat again before frying).

In stainless steel, cast iron, or nonstick pan, heat oil over medium heat until simmering (not smoking). Add fish skin-side down and press with fish spatula to keep flat. Cook for about 5-6 minutes or until 75-80% of fish looks cooked. Remove from pan and let rest skin-side up.

In the same pan over medium heat, saute minced garlic, lemon zest, and fresh lemon juice until fragrant. To thicken, turn off the heat and whisk in cold butter until combined. Add dill and parsley before serving. Pairs well with quinoa, green beans, and asparagus.

# Korean beef with veggies and rice

By: O'zetta Lagi

## Ingredients:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 5 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated ginger
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil
- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 6 green onions, chopped, divided
- 4 cups hot cooked brown rice
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds



## Directions:

- Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef and cook, stirring and crumbling into small pieces until browned, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain excess grease.
- Stir in garlic, ginger, and sesame oil and cook until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Stir in soy sauce, brown sugar, and red pepper. Cook until beef absorbs some sauce, about 7 minutes. Add 1/2 of chopped green onions.
- Serve over hot cooked rice; garnish with sesame seeds and remaining green onions.

# Biscuits and Gravy

By: Mufinella Pemstein



## Ingredients:

- one pack of Italian sausage, mild
- 1/2 cup of vidalia onion, finely diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- two tbsp butter (less if your sausage is extra greasy cause you want about 3 tbsp fat for the roux)
- 3 tbsp flour
- 3 cups whole milk
- dash black pepper
- dash salt
- dash onion powder
- dash garlic powder
- dash cumin
- 1 can Grands flakey buttermilk biscuits

## Directions:

Brown the sausage in pan and crumble into small pieces. Add onions and garlic once the sausage is no longer pink and brown together. Remove sausage from pan, try to collect as much grease from it as possible and return the grease to the pan. Add butter as necessary.

Heat fat to sizzle, add flour, whisk constantly until you get a nice browned coloring on your roux (not too dark or you've burnt it, this is just to cook the flour so it doesn't taste raw).

Take pan off heat, add some milk, stirring to incorporate the roux. Add rest of milk and heat. Add in spices, tasting until it is to your liking (don't get too heavy-handed with the cumin cause it can overpower the dish). Simmer over medium heat until thickened, then add meat back in. Heat through.

Serve over biscuits!



# Shane's Arrabbiata Sauce

By: Istari Xiomar



## Ingredients:

- 12 Large Cloves of Garlic
- 4 - 5 Tbsp Olive Oil
- 1/2 Tsp Salt
- 1 Medium Yellow Onion, diced
- 1 - 6 Tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 28oz cans of whole tomatoes (San Marzano is the best) OR 1 28oz can of whole tomatoes and 1 28oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1/2 small can of tomato paste
- 1/2 cup (packed) of fresh basil (or 2 tbsp of dried basil)

## Directions:

- Heat the oil in a large sauce pan on low heat. Add garlic and chilli flakes and sauté for 5 minutes to infuse the oil. Stir occasionally.
- Turn heat up to medium-high, add the onions and sauté for another 3-5 minutes, stirring as necessary. The onions will become shiny and translucent.
- Add the tomatoes, paste, and salt. Let the sauce simmer and then reduce heat to low. Use a wooden spoon, fork, or potato masher to slowly break down the tomatoes. Let the sauce simmer for 25 - 35 mins, stirring as necessary and using the masher/fork/spoon to keep breaking down the tomatoes throughout the simmer. Add basil and let simmer for another 15 minutes.
- Serve on desired al dente noodles, and add some fresh basil.

# Eorzean Chronicles

## A deeper look into the lore of FFXIV

### II: The Twelve

For as long as history has been written, the land of Eorzea was ruled by the mysterious gods and goddesses known as “The Twelve”. Aided by their loyal subjects, the Moogles, they ruled these lands until the arrival of wandering tribes: the Elezen, Miqo'te, Lalafell, Roegadyn, and Hyur. The gods were impressed by the resourcefulness and resilience of these tribes, awarding the lands of Eorzea to these travelers and becoming patron dieties of what we know to be the Eorzean city states today.

Not much else is known of these mysterious beings, thought to be nothing more than legend by many residents of Eorzea as memory of them has faded with the passage of time. Their power is thought to be seen in their existence, believers able to call upon their might in their craft and even in the heat of battle. One such example of their aid can be noted in the Sharlayan scholar Louisoix Leveilleur calling upon their power with the aid of the Warrior of Light to defeat Bahamut. While the ritual ultimately failed, the summoning of the Twelve's powers resulted in spires of light piercing Bahamut in place for a period of time, allowing time for Louisoix to get the Warriors of Light to safety.

What we do know of the Twelve, or have theorized, can be documented thusly. Each pair of the Twelve commands one of the six elements and each is associated with a month of the Eorzean calendar. Each elemental pair is, conversely, tied to one of the six constellations of the Source's night sky. From there, each god and goddess is broken down further into unique powers offered to those who worship them.



Halone, the Fury, mover of glaciers and goddess of war, commands the element of ice and is tied to the First Astral Moon (first month). She is depicted as a relentless warrior holding a bronze greatshield, and her symbol is three spears. Halone is the daughter of Rhalgr, sister to elder brother Byregot, and bitter rivals with Nophica. Statues in her visage can be found around Ishgard as she stands as the patron of the Holy See.



Menphina, the Lover, keeper of the once-twin and now-lone moons and the goddess of love, commands the element of ice and is associated with the First Umbral Moon (second month). She is depicted as a maid carrying a round skillet. Her symbol is the full greater moon. Menphina is the younger sister of Azeyma, and the divine lover of Oschon. Dalamud was often referred to as "Menphina's Loyal Hound" prior to its fall; during the advent of the Seventh Umbral Era, this often changed to less flattering things like "Menphina's Bastard Hound". The Keeper of the Moon Miqu'te traditionally worship Menphina.



Thaliak, the Scholar, ruler of rivers and wisdom and god of knowledge, commands the element of water and is tied to the Second Astral Moon (third month). He is depicted as a reserved scholar holding an ashen staff, and his symbol is the scroll. Thaliak is the patron of Sharlayan, Byregot's teacher, and father of Llymlaen. A statue in his visage can be seen overlooking the ships entering Sharlayan, standing proud as he pours out a pot of water into the harbor.

Nymeia, the Spinner, the watcher of celestial bodies and goddess of fate, commands the element of water and is associated with the Second Umbral Moon (fourth month). She is depicted as a weaver donning a white, silken veil. Her symbol is the spinning wheel. She is the younger sister of Althyk, and the master of Rhalgr. Nymeia briefly became the matron deity of Ala Mhigo during the reign of King Theodoric from 1552 to the city-state's fall in 1557. Bouquets of Nymeia Lilies are placed upon lichstones as an offering to the dead.

Llymlaen, the Navigator, watcher of the seas and goddess of navigation, commands the element of wind and is tied to the Third Astral Moon (fifth month). She is depicted as a strong fisherwoman holding a long-bladed harpoon, and her symbol is the wave. Llymlaen is the daughter of Thaliak and the elder sister of Nophica. Llymlaen is also the patron of Limsa Lominsa. A statue in her visage can be found in the center of Aleport in Western La Noscea.

Oschon, the Wanderer, ruler of the mountains and god of vagrants, commands the element of wind and is associated with the Third Umbral Moon (sixth month). He is depicted as a carefree ranger wielding a bow of yew. His symbol is the walking stick. Oschon is the brother of Nald'thal, a close companion of Halone, and the divine lover of Menphina. The Wanderer's Palace was originally dedicated to Oschon by the people of Nym, who worshipped him as their patron deity.

Byregot, the Builder, is a god of the arts who commands the element of lightning and is tied to the Fourth Astral Moon (seventh month). A purveyor of architecture and industry, he is depicted as an ardent smith holding a two-headed hammer, and his symbol is the hand. Byregot is the son of Rhalgr and the elder brother of Halone. Byregot is also Thaliak's pupil.

Rhalgr, the Destroyer, breaker of worlds and god of destruction, commands the element of lightning and is tied to the Fourth Umbral Moon (eighth month). He is depicted as a magus carrying a bronze staff, and his symbol is the streaking meteor. Father of both Byregot and Halone, he is the attendant to Nymeia, and guardian deity of Ala Mhigo. A massive statue in his honor can be found at the center of Rhalgr's Reach.

Azeyma, the Warden, keeper of the sun and goddess of inquiry, commands the element of fire and is tied to the Fifth Astral Moon (ninth month). She is depicted as a noble lady holding a golden fan, and her symbol is the radiant sun. She is the mother of Nophica, the elder sister of Menphina, and the daughter of Althyk. The Seekers of the Sun's devotion to her pervades their culture.



Nald'thal, the Traders, actually the single manifestation of twin deities: Nald, keeper of the living, and Thal, keeper of the dead. Gods of commerce, they are together an overseer of transactions and the underworld with power over the element of fire and ties to the Fifth Umbral Moon (tenth month). Nald'thal is depicted as a discerning merchant holding a balance while symbolized by the the cowry, an ancient shell currency. Oschon is Nald'thal's brother. The Order of Nald'thal is a religious order that reveres the Traders. Two great halls, devoted to the twin aspects of Nald'thal, can be found in the eastern and western sections of the city of Ul'dah. Milvaneth Sacrarium is dedicated to Nald and Arrzaneth Ossuary is dedicated to Thal.



Nophica, the Matron, tender of soils and harvests and goddess of abundance, commands the element of earth and is tied to the Sixth Astral Moon (eleventh month). She is depicted as a jubilant farmer holding a steel scythe, and her symbol is the spring leaf. Daughter of Azeyma, Nophica is the younger sister of Llymlaen, and the bitter rival of Halone. Nophica is also the patron of Gridania. Nophica's Altar, a great stone platter set within the hollow of an ancient tree, can be found on the path to the Stillglade Fane in Gridania. Her likeness can be seen in a Twin Adders poster.

Althyk, the Keeper, the surveyor of change and god of space and time, commands the element of earth and is associated with the Sixth Umbral Moon (twelfth month). He is depicted as an austere emperor wielding a mythril greataxe. His symbol is the hourglass. He is the father of Azeyma and Menphina, and elder brother to Nymeia. Louisoix conjured the power of Althyk during the final battle with Bahamut to deliver the adventurers to a safer place.

While the truth of the Twelve may yet be shrouded in mystery, perhaps we will discover more in our future adventures. Who knows, they may be walking among us. . . even now.



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# What's New In Waltz?

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## *A Quarterly Highlight*

Happy beginning of Summer, folks! We had a lot of fun activities this past spring so if you missed out, here's a recap!

For the month of February, we had a pretty great turn out for our Valentione's Party! This year, we had our very own bunny maid cafe, featuring Viera peeps from our FC as your wait staff in the cozy Club Hades cafe and hoppin' Ruby Bar upstairs. We also had fun activities to offer such as tarot card readings, photo booths with personal photog, DJ Brock Hampton, Four Square, flower and candy give aways, a glam contest (dynamic duos themed), and a raffle. The raffle was a huge success, as well as the photo booths being busy all night long! For our glam contest, we had a lovely couple dressed as Gambit and Rogue who won! Cue the sick electric guitar solo!



Later that month, we had our Amazing Waltz Race! This event was a mashup of Nekkid Footrace and Scavenger Hunt, teams consisting of a runner and a spotter/raiser working together. The runner would locate the target from the clues and trade an item to bring to the next clue holder. If they get killed by mobs, the spotter/raiser can raise them and continue the game until a winner is called. Everyone had a blast and the following won the game:

- 1) Rin and Isaac
- 2) Nymi and Aya
- 3) Dagger and Levin

In March, we had another installation of our FC room Scavenger Hunt! Volunteers hid a list of items in their FC rooms and members were tasked with finding them all and reporting their findings to Istari. It was awful...ly fun! Some of the worst offenders were a wine glass inside a bag and a black letter hidden in a black room...EVIL! It took our hunters 3 hours to finally ring in, nearly running out of time:

- 1) Takashi Mitsuya
- 2) Turbo Quando
- 3) Mufinella Pemstein

April brought us the beginning of Spring, so of course we had a spring cleaning. We cleaned so hard...we moved to a new house! Our FC banded together, putting down 26 bids on a large plot in the new housing district Empyreum, located in the city of Ishgard. Our odds were high with 26/31 bids and we managed to score plot 30 in ward 9 with Takashi Mitsuya's winning number of 21! Thank you everyone for the group effort in tackling this plot, we couldn't have done it without you all! If you haven't checked it out yet, stop by and see our new digs! There's a hot spring downstairs, you might be greeted by a blue elephant if you step inside! We'll miss our old home in Lavender Beds but can't wait for the fun adventures to be had in Empyreum!



For our first event of the month, we had a rousing game of Hide and Seek! This is one of our most popular Free Company events and is a multi-round, multi-zone event! Each player took turns being a Hider and a Seeker and earned points based on whether they could stay hidden / how many hiders they found. Our players hunted through zones all the way up through Shadowbringers, until the following three winners were called:

- 1) Kai Linh
- 2) Indigo Violet
- 3) Etney Barrows

With spring comes the need for a good ol' Spring Social! We had another fun party at our house, this time themed around Namazu and Springtime. We offered the usual fun activities, along with Bard performances by Zara Thustra in the yard! This party, instead of a raffle we held random giveaways throughout the night to keep engagement up! Everyone had a good time splashing about our indoor gardens and zooming around the musical tiles in the basement until the bossman kicked us out!





Our FC had its annual auction, raising funds to help support future FC events. The turn out was crazy and we ended up raising over 130 million Gil! This auction also helped to cover the cost of moving to our new house, which was pretty awesome. Thank you everyone for your generosity and we hope you enjoy all your awesome prizes!

Lastly, in the month of May, we had a spicy game of The Floor Is Lava, hosted by our epic dude, James Rock'it! Inside his house, he built a diabolical jumpy puzzle of obstacles for players to navigate, trying to get from his basement to the second floor! It was challenging, if not maddening at times, but by golly was it fun and satisfying to get to the end! He outdid himself this time and we look forward to the next idea he comes up with for us to take on!

We had our first ever Waltz Fight Club! With the new features available in PvP, we were able to challenge each other in a duel. The competition was fierce with at least 14 fighters vying for champion but ultimately our winning duelist was Akaelda! Congratz to everyone for the valiant efforts!

That's it for events so far this year, it's been a busy few months, hopefully everyone has a fun summer and please look forward to our summer party in the coming months! See you next issue!



**Welcome back,  
Ralia!**



**Congratulations  
on your fight  
against cancer,  
our Warrior of  
Light!**

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